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Stevenson's Experience in New York Society Not a Pleasant One.

The death of Robert Louis Stevenson recalled his experience in New York society during the short time he stayed there on his way to the Pacific coast a few years ago. Most of the Americans he had met before that were those novelists, artists, and newspaper men from this country who live in London, or frequently sojourn there, and these he liked, partly, I suppose, because they revered his genius, and because also they had more or less claim to his literary regard. When Stevenson arrived in New York he was taken up by one or two well-known society people and received in what are spoken of as "good houses"—and a good many of these. He was as shy as Hawthorne, unconventional in his manners, and indifferent as to his dress. Instead of meeting the sort of men who were seen everywhere in London society, he was brought into contact almost entirely with a lot of brainless fops, who looked upon him as a curiosity, and numbers of silly and artificial women, who tried "to talk up to him," and failed. This was due in some measure to the fact that his health forced him to go out principally in the daytime. But the result was to give him a strong distaste for what he had been assured was the "best society" in New York. Afterward he shunned visiting Americans in Samoa, and spent a good deal of time denouncing perambulating impressionists who essayed to describe his life there on his return. When properly understood he showed himself possessed of a noble heart and a winning personality. His death was a sad loss to literature.

Hammered Iron Work.

The popularity of black iron lamps and lanterns for the piano, the study, or porch, has given impetus to the languishing art of working in hammered iron. It is the highest type of iron work as well as the most beautiful and we are glad to see it revived. The hammered iron work of the middle ages has been revered almost as a departed art. The best of this work is very expensive, but that has not prevented the production of some magnificent examples. The opportunity for the use of hammered iron work is large, including gates, railings, balconies, etc., and it would appear that once general attention was directed to this species of artistic ornamentation the field of its application would be extensive.

It Was Aunt!

A belated tourist was obliged to ask for a bed at a farm-house, having wandered far from his hotel. On rising in the morning he found himself without tooth-powder. Looking about him, he espied on the mantel-piece a small box containing powder, which he used. When he paid for his bed, he apologized to the farmer's wife for having used her tooth-powder. "Tooth-powder?" she queried; "we have none." "Yes, my good woman. It was in a small round box on the mantel-piece." "That," she screamed—"that was not tooth-powder! That was aunt!" Aunt had been cremated.

Arrested the Joker.

A Y. M. C. A. young man of Indianapolis put on a false beard and fixed himself up in order to terrify his roommate. Then he went out on the street to await his friend's coming. The consequence was that the joker got arrested and had a hard time to establish his identity.

SECRET OF LONG LIFE.

Physical and Mental Vigor in Old Age Free to All.

Barthelemy Saint-Hilaire, the famous French scholar and politician, who recently entered on his ninetieth year full of physical and intellectual vigor, has been telling the inevitable interviewer how it is his days have been so long in the land. "I is, we are told, the effect of strict adherence to the old precept, 'Early to bed and early to rise,' with steady work during waking hours. Every grand old man, says the Home Journal, seems to have a secret of his own. Mr. Gladstone, we believe, attributes his longevity to his habit of taking a daily walk in all weathers and to his giving thirty-two bites to every morsel of food. Oliver Wendell Holmes pinned his faith on equality of temperature. The late Major Knox Holmes swore by the tricycle, which, in the end, was the cause of his death. Dr. P. H. Van der Weyde, an American octogenarian, not long ago offered himself 'as an example of the benign influence of the study and practice of music.' Some aged persons give the credit of their long lives from abstinence from tobacco, alcohol, meat or what not; others to their indulgence in all these things. One old lady, of whom we read not long ago as having reached the age of 120 or thereabouts, maintained that single blessedness is the real elixir vitae, and she ascribed the death of a brother at the tender age of 90 to the fact that he had committed matrimony in early life. M. Ferdinand de Lesseps believed in horse riding. Mr. James Payn complains that in his boyhood he 'got a little bored with too much horse.' In a letter recently published, M. De Lesseps delivered himself on the subject as follows: 'I shall always be deeply grateful to Larine, my riding master, who from my earliest years made me share his keen passion for horses, and I am still convinced that daily horse exercise has in a large measure been the means of enabling me to reach my eighty-fourth year in perfect health.' Carlyle was also a great rider almost to the end of his long life, and he not only rode, but, we believe, groomed his horse himself. On the whole, it must be concluded that the real secret of longevity is a sound constitution prudently husbanded. The only general rules that can be laid down are those set forth by Adam in 'As You Like It.'

CARMEN SYLVA.

The Unfortunate Poetess Queen of Roumania.

Carmen Sylva, the poetess queen of Roumania, who celebrated the twenty-



QUEEN OF ROUMANIA.

fifth anniversary of her marriage with King Charles recently, is in her way one of the most remarkable personalities of the age. Her published works embody a complete and fairly consecutive journal of her life. She is there seen as the passionate young girl, the adoring bride, the ecstatic poetess the sorrowing mother, the meek, the inspired and the inspiring princess, the devoted and heartbroken friend and the man-enduring and exiled queen. But take up another among her work, that upon which power and originally are most clearly stamped, the volume of aphorisms entitled "Thoughts of a Queen," and one discovers such depth of cynicism as would presumably only have been imagined by some witty, keen-viewed and utterly disillusioned pessimist of the end of the century. The queen is, happily, in better health just now than she has been for years, and, with the king, was the recipient of cordial congratulations from all parts of the world upon the occasion of the silver wedding of their majesties.

Honors for Lord Lansdowne.

Lord Lansdowne, late viceroy of India and formerly governor general of Canada, who has been made a knight of the garter, is the third successive marquis of his line to receive this honor. Seven dukes of Devonshire in succession have been K. G's, six dukes of Richmond and of Rutland, five dukes of Beaufort and of Northumberland, three marquises of Salisbury, and three earls Spencer. Of the ordinary knights Earl Fitzwilliam, who was appointed in 1862, is the senior since the recent death of Earl Grey; of the royal extra knights the Duke of Cambridge, who was made K. G. by King William IV, in 1835, is the most ancient; he is the only knight now living who has not received the honor from Queen Victoria.

To Return to the Primitive.

In the department of Canal, France, among the mountains of Auvergne, an attempt is to be made to return to the manners of primitive man. M. Gravelle, a painter, has acquired a large tract of land, on which five married couples will live in the caverns and raise a few animals and simple crops for their food and clothing. He claims that one hectare (two acres and a half) should supply all the needs of a single individual.

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